

Nehemiah Chapter 3

The Builders

Introduction

Nehemiah ("Jehovah Comforts") had prayed and planned the rebuilding of the walls and gates of Jerusalem. He met with the leaders in Jerusalem and proclaimed what the Lord was doing in sending him with authority and resources from the King. Nehemiah encouraged and inspired the people to join him in restoring the walls and gates of Jerusalem, "Let's rise up and build!" he proclaimed.

Today we study those who did the work. The Builders of the wall and gates. Over 50 people mentioned from different occupations and backgrounds but with the same purpose.....the restoration of Gods people. They did what others did not do for 100 years! It was against all odds but they accomplished it in 52 days!

We too are Builders for Gods Kingdom. We work side by side with each other to protect and provide security for Gods people. We all need to work for something bigger than ourselves. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us! The rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls and gates gave Gods people hope! We can still give the same hope in the God of Heaven and Earth!

Chapter 3 Highlights

Key Words - Next to, consecrate, made repairs, after him.....

(1) Eliashib, the High Priest rose up with his brethren the priests and built the Sheep gate. The first builder mentioned is the High Priest and his brethren. Leadership by example! It's the only way to lead.

John 13-Jesus washing the disciples feet.....

Sheep Gate - Gates were critical entry and exit points to the city.....needed to be regulated and guarded.

(2) next to - mentioned throughout the chapter - side by side- together-got your back attitude.

(3) Fish Gate - Nearby the Fish Market

(5) but their nobles did not put their shoulders to the work of their Lord.

Noteworthy contrast.....

(6) Old Gate

(8) Uzziel, one of the goldsmiths, Hannaniah one of the perfumers made repairs (35xs) in this chapter.

Different occupations but same attitude and heart for building for the Lord.

(11) Malchijah, son of Harim, in Ezra [10:31](#), confronted by Ezra for taking a pagan wife. That was many years before this, Malchijah got things right with God and now years later, he served him.

"A believer should never let a past failure get in the way of serving God. Repent, set it right, make a stand for righteousness- and get on serving the Lord." David Guzik-Pastor CCSantaBarbara

(10) Jedaiah.....made repairs in front of his house.

His name means "He who calls unto God"

(12) next to him was Shallum.....leader of half the district of Jerusalem: he and his daughters made repairs.

Godly girls building and making repairs.....

Phillip-Acts 21:9 - And the same man had four virgin daughters which prophesy.

(13) Refuse Gate/Dung Gate

(14) Malchijah, leader of Beth Haccerum, repaired the Refuse Gate, he built it

(15) Shallun, leader.....and repaired the wall of the Pool of Shelah

Above and beyond the call?

(16-27)

After him, next to him.....over and over again.....momentum.....

(28) the Priests made repairs, each in front of his own house.

1 Timothy 3:4-5

(29) After them, Zadok made repairs in front of his own house.

(30) made repairs in front of his dwelling.....

(32) as far as the Sheep Gate, the goldsmiths and the merchants made repairs.

Sheep Gate was the starting place of rebuilding the walls and gates and ending place of the work!

I think it begins and ends with his people, sheep gate.....

Jesus said, "I'm the door of the Sheep" John 10:7

Read John.....

Conclusion:

Gods people can do whatever is needed through the right leadership and willingness to work together.....submitting.....leading.....following.....humble no crumble!

No Gaps in the wall.....needed to be a completed effort.....continuous.

Not so much ability but availability!

Family is a priority for living out Gods Word!

Hard work is contagious from the leadership down to the labor in obscurity!